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PREFACE.

Spirituaism, as an element of social influence, has become a fixed fact. Nothing can conecal the truth that a wider, deeper and more potent influence is exerted by it then by any other principle merely moral. Circles meet in almost every community—Sunday meetings are held in various places—State Conventions are called, and books, pamphlets, and weekly and monthly periodicals are issued. The friends of Spiritualism will not wish to see that influence diminished, but extended. And nothing more powerfully contributes to such a result then the fascination of music and song. This has been seen, and a few partial attempts made to supply the want. The Spirit Harp and Spirit Voices furnish us some beautiful poetry, but there are such marked defects as to preclude their general use. Much of the Harp is not adapted to metre, while many pieces are of inordinate length, occupying from two to three pages. But the most vital defect is the fact that we have no music, and hence are obliged to use the cumbersome works of common church music.

In view of these defects and the increasing demand for a suitable book, we are induced to present this work, as accomplishing in part, what is needed. We conceive the true idea of a book for popular use to include both music and poetry, and have made our book accordingly.

We have endeavored to collect the best of the popular music, with what of poetry was adapted to the nse of Spiritualists, which with what is original will render our Minstrel, we trust, a welcome visitant to many an aspiring soul and circle.

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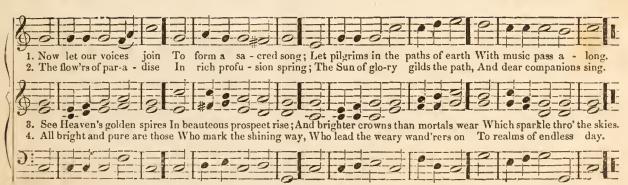
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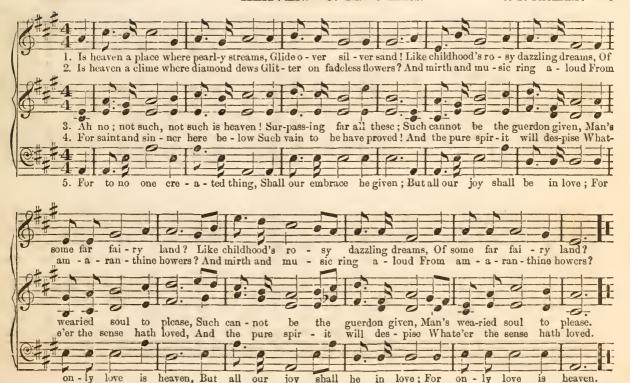
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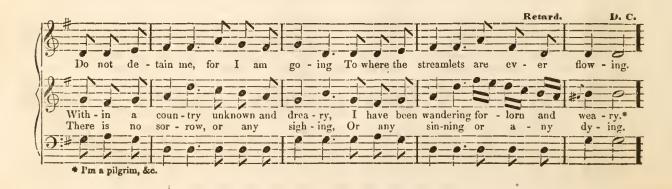
L. MASON.













Then the forms of the departed,
Enter at the open door;
The beloved ones, the true hearted,
Come to visit me once more.

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With a slow and noiseless footstep, Come the messengers divine, Take the vacant chair beside me, Lay their gentle hands in mine; 5

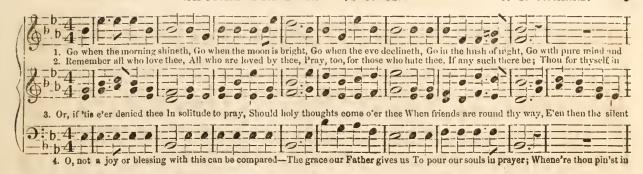
And they sit and gaze upon me
With those deep and tender eyes,
Like the stars, so still and saint-like,
Looking downward from the skies.

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Uttered not, yet comprehended,
Is the spirit's voiceless prayer,
Soft rebukes in blessings ended,
Breathing from their lips of air











O, thou, the Life, the Light, the Truth,
Whose law is writ in love,—
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as 'tis above.

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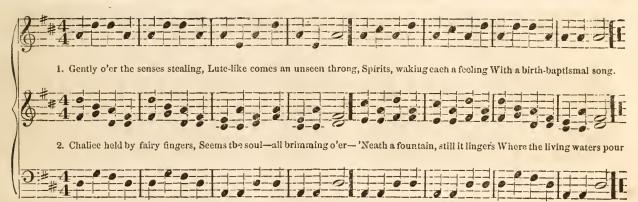
Thy kingdom come,—O come in Thought
To these poor hearts of ours,
Till all is fair and sweet within,
As cells within the flowers.

SECOND HYMN.

Thy kingdom come,—O come in Will That purposes the Life,
The Truth to seek, the Good to win,
Where now are sin and strife.

A

Thy kingdom come, O come in Deed,
And banish all our woes,
Until within each heart shall thrive
The lily and the rose.



Now, a mirror's disc it seemeth,

Far beneath a crystal flow,

Where the inner sun-light gleameth

As the bubbles upward go.

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Beaming eye-light truly telleth,
In a language all its own,
That behind these glances dwelleth
Love, illuming pleasure's throne.







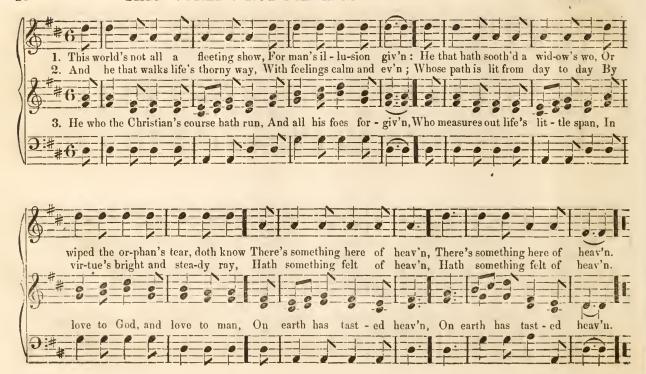














1. Hark! the songs of angels swell, Deep'ning thro' the radiant home, Where the blest immortals dwell, Where the throngs of seraphs roam.

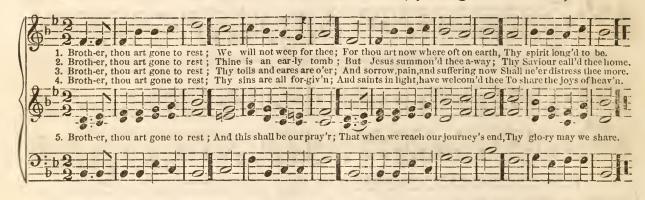
2. Voices fill'd with sweetest lo 12, Thrill the azure deep of heav'n; Gentle breathings far above, Down to weary earthlings giv'n.



3 Softly now those voices breathe,
Echoing through the fainting heart,
Smites of hope and joy they wreathe,
Bliss celestial they impart;—
Gladness reigns where woe is flown—
Glory breaks where starlight shone.

4 "Come thou hither, wearied one,
Breathe the smiling angels now,
"Cheer thee 'neath the glowing sun,
Bathe in light thy weary brow.
Sing! for joy is born from gloom,
Life has risen from the tomb."

- 5 "Welcome, welcome, child of earth,"
 Chants the singing angel-band,
 "Death is proved a glorious birth,
 Leading to the spirit land.
 Time's dark waves are felt no more,
 Reach not the immortal shore."
- 6 Beauties soft and blending greet
 The vision of the raptured soul;
 Light, where friends celestial meet,
 Fills and cheers the perfect whole
 Rest from enre and sorrow free,
 Breathes the soul's deep harmony



ASSEMBLED AT THE CLOSING HOUR.









O that 't would haste and waft me there,
Where worlds shall roll beneath my feet;
Where palms immortal flourish fair,
And friends on earth beloved shall meet!

The woes of earth are chains that cling,
Released but by the hand of death;
Its joys—the blossoms of the spring,
That fall before the zephyr's breath;





5. Then, to labor! friend and neighbor; Though ye brave the serpent's might, Never fear thee! God is near thee! He will ne'er desert the right.

In the lone and silent midnight, When the stars from darkness creep One by one, like blessed beacons, Sentinel our holy sleep;

Then I feel within my spirit Breathings of a purer life — Voices of an inward music Calming all my outward strife. SECOND HYMN.

Light breaks in upon my slumber -Light of more than earthly bliss; Low and sweet come many whispers Soft with heavenly joyousness.

And around me, pure and saint-like Forms, in love and wisdom bright, Move through air with shadowy footsteps Smiling love with eyes of light.



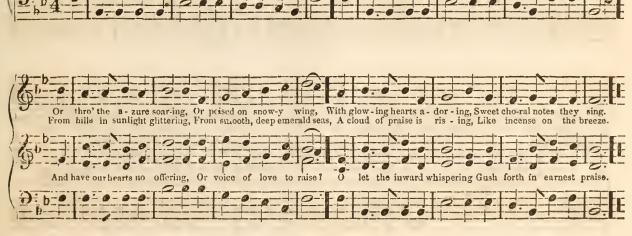


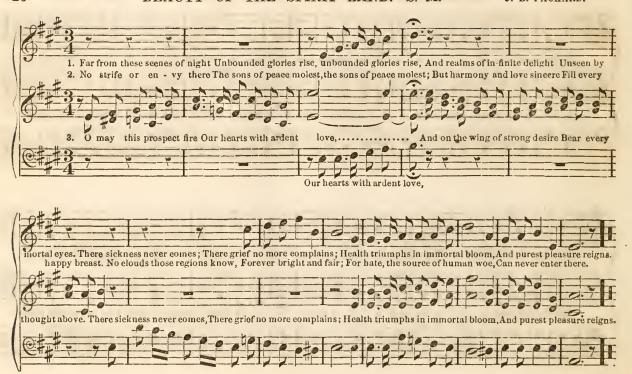
Oh! who could bear life's stormy doom,
Did not thy wing of love
Come brightly wafting through the gloom,
Our peace-branch from above?

Then sorrow touch'd by thee, grows bright,
With more than rapture's ray;
As darkness shows us worlds of light,
We never saw by day.











Eye-lids fringed with silken lashes
Joyously have open sprung;
As to reach the vison lovely,
Beauteous arms are upward flung

1

"Mother," from those sweet lips breaking
In affection's softest tone;
Echoes in our hearts are waking
Its subduing power to own.



SECOND HYMN.

1

Angel-mother, long I listened,
Listened with attentive ear,
And my eyes with tear-drops glistened
When I knew that thou wast near;

2

Thou, my guardian-spirit ever,
Ever through this lower sphere,
Till the hand of death shall sever
Every tie that binds me here.

3

Angel-mother, life is dearer,
Dearer since my doubts are flown,
And the lamp of life burns clearer
When the way of truth is known.

4

Joys serene are stealing o'er me,
O'er me joys before unknown;
Lights celestial beam before me,
Flowers are on my pathway strewn









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Angel sisters, oh! how lovely
As in shining robes ye stand!
Haste away, ye lingering moments,
Let me join the blessed band!
This conviction, how consoling!
That though loud the breakers roar
Every wave of time in rolling,
Bears me nearer to the shore.





Pure as the sun's enlivening ray. That scatters life and joy a-broad Pure as the lucid orb of day, That wide proclaims its maker God.

Pure as the breath of vernal skies. So pure let our devotion be: And purely let our songs arise To him who sets our spirits free.







The dismal night has passed away, And sunlight gleams upon its breast, While ealmly dawns the rising day, To erown the wearied sleeper's rest

Arise, and sing the morning song, Ye dwellers of the night-elad earth Let soul with soul be borne along On breezes of celestial birth.



SECOND HYMN.

3

All beauteous is our Spirit Home,
All radient and bright;
Here sorrow's tears are all unknown,
And griefs come not to blight.

 2

All peaceful is our Spirit Home,
All free from strife and care;
No discord sounds are ever known,
In this our home so fair.

All lovely is our Spirit Home, For love here hath its sway; And sweetest flowers ever bloom Along our sacred way.

4

All heavenly is our Spirit Home,
For here we all are blest;
And hearts that once were sad and lone,
Now bask in endless rest.











Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest.
Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive,
Graciously come down, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

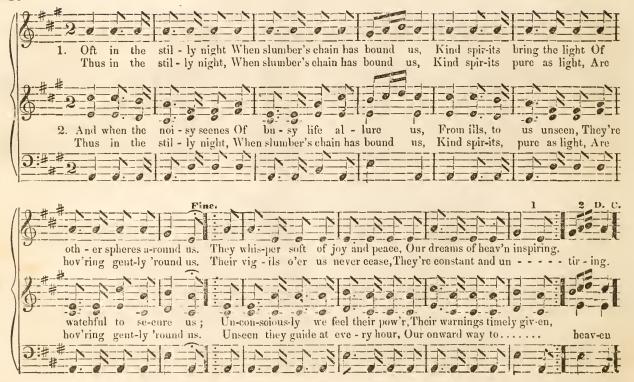




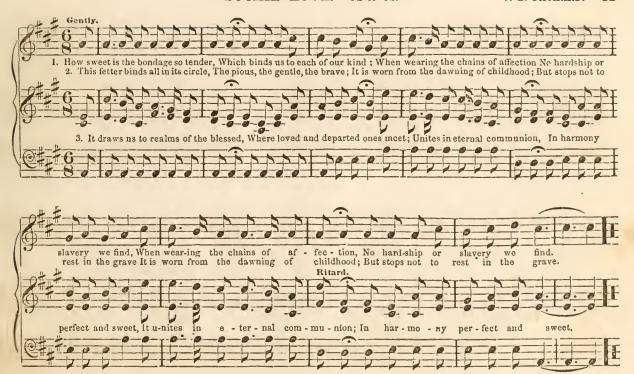


SECOND HYMN.

- 1 What seraph-like music falls sweet on my ear, In strains so delightful? Oh! list that ye hear— Those rich flowing numbers, so liquid and clear, Breathe rapture untold, from some heavenly sphere.
- 2 'Tis the sweet flowing music that steals o'er the wave Of Jordan's lone stream as its billows I brave; 'Tis the music of angels who hasten to bear My soul o'er the waters to that blessed shore.
- 3 A glimpse of bright glory now beams on my sight, I sink in sweet visions of heaven's dawning light, Bright spirits are whispering so soft in my ear Of heaven, sweet heaven! I long to be there.







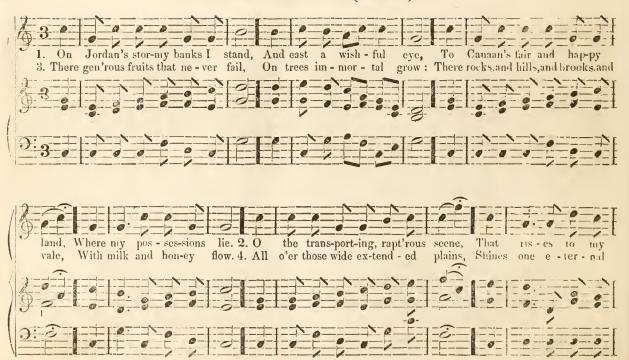




Up, and toil, ye chosen sons,
For earth's poor and sinning ones,
Bring them back through faith and love.
To the hope of joys above.

4

Rest not, sleep not, by the way, Pause not till that happy day, Dawns upon thy gladdened eyes, With the radiance of the skies





No ehilling winds nor pois'nous breath Can reach that healthful shore; Siekness and sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

6

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in his bosom rest?

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Filled with delight, my raptured soul Would here no longer stay!

Though Jordan's waves around me roll,

Fearless I'd launch away.

8

There on those high and flowery plains
Our spirits ne'er shall tire;
But in perpetual joyful strains
Redeeming love admire.





While angelie legions, with harps tuned eylestial,
Ilarmoniously join in the concert of praise,
The saints, as they flock from the regions terrestrial,
In loud hallelujahs their voices shall raise;
Then songs to our God shall re-echo through heaven,
My soul will respond, to Jehovah be givenAll glory, all honor, all might and dominion,
Who brought us through grace to the Eden of love

Then hail blessed state! hail ye songsters of glory,
Ye harpers of bliss, soon I'll meet you above!
And join your full choir in rehearsing the story,
"Salvation from sorrow, through Angelie love."
Though prisoned in earth, yet by anticipation,
Already my soul feels a sweet prelibation,
Of joys that await me, when freed from probation
My heart's now in heaven, the Eden of love!









SECOND HYMN.

3

Radiant Sun of Truth divine,
Thy rays through boundless nature shine;
And from the earth in glory rise
To meet the brightness of the skies.

2

Wide let thy glory be displayed, In one bright day, without a shade, And thus may we supremely prove, The nameless, endless joys of love. Be darkness known on earth no more, But truth dispensed from shore to shore, Till men of every land shall see Its glorions brightness, and be free,

4

'Tis done—the Sun of truth appears, The shades withdraw, the morning clears; Its rays flow over land and main, And one eternal day shall reign.



SECOND HYMN.

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There is a pure, a peaceful wave,

That rolls around the home of love;

Whose waters gladden as they lave,

The bright and heavenly shores above.

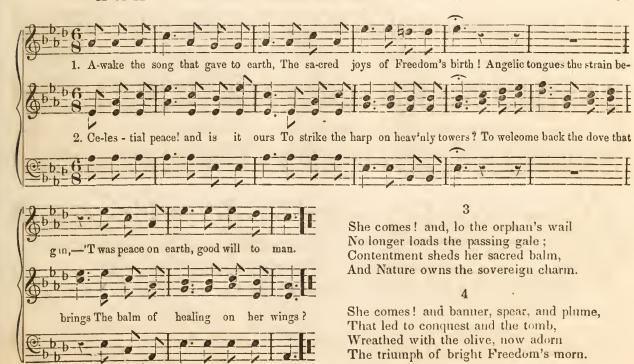
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While streams that on that tide depend,
Steal from those heavenly shores away,
And on this desert world descend,
Over our barren land to stray.

The pilgrim faint and near to sink, Beneath his load of earthly woe, Refreshed beneath its verdant brink, Rejoices in its gentle flow.

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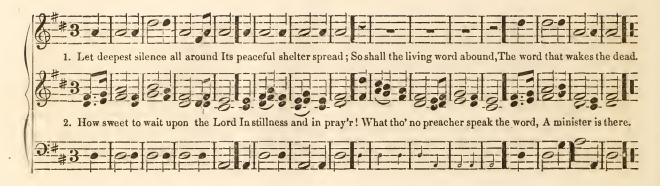
There, O my soul do thou repose,
Fast by that ever hallowed spring;
Drink from its crystal wave which flows
To heal thy wounded, weary wing.



O FLY TO THEIR BOWERS. 10s & 8.







He knows to bend the heart of steel,
He bows the loftiest soul;
O'er all we think and all we feel,
How matchless his control!

And, O, how precious is his love,
In tender mercy given;
It whispers of the blest above,
And stays the soul on heaven.

From mind to mind, in streams of joy,
The holy influence spreads;
'Tis peace, 'tis praise without alloy,
For God that influence sheds,

To thee, O God, we still will pray,
And praise thee as before,
For this thy glorious gospel-day,
Teach us to praise thee more



It is all holy and serene,

The land of glory and repose,

Nor darkness dims the radiant seene,

Nor sorrow's tear within it flows.

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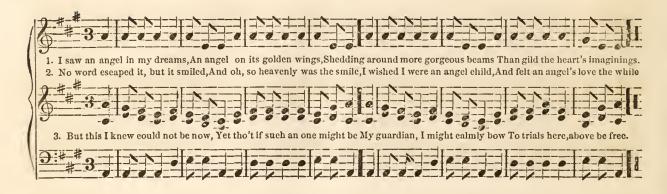
It is not fanned by summer's gale;
'Tis not refreshed by vernal showers;
It never needs the moonbeams pale,
Nor there are known the evening hours.

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No! no! this world is ever bright
With every radiance all its own,
The streams of uncreated light
Flow round from th' eternal throne.

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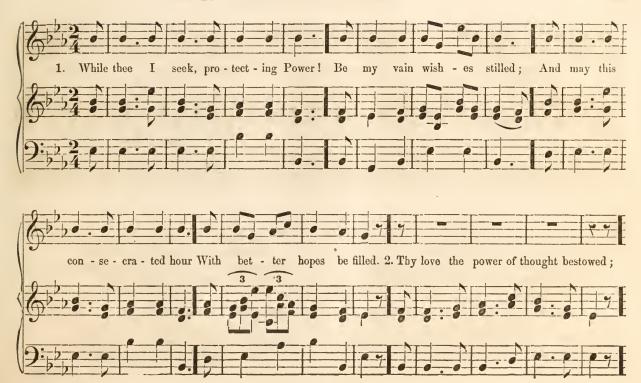
In vain, the philosophic eye
May seek to view the fair abode,
Or find it in the curtained sky;
It is the dwelling-place of God.



And then I raised a prayer to heaven,
That such a guardian mine might be,
To watch o'er me while life is given,
And keep from snares my spirit free.

5

Then came, where'er I chanced to be,
The angel of the golden wing,
From evil e'er restraining me,
To good my heart encouraging.





3.

In each event of life, how clear
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul more dear
Because conferred by thee.

4.

In every joy that erowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

5.

When gladness wings my favored hour,
Thy love my thoughts shall fill;
Resigned, when storms of sorrow lower,
My soul shall meet thy will.

6.

My lifted eye, without a tear,
The gathering storm shall see;
My steadfast heart shall know no fear;
That heart shall rest on thee.

T. M. WILLIAMS.



SECOND HYMN.

1

There is a hope, a blessed hope,
More precious and more bright,
Than all the joyless mockery
The world esteems delight.

2

There is a star, a lovely star,
That lights the darkest gloom,
And sheds a peaceful radiance o'er
The prospects of the tomb.

3

There is a voice, a cheering voice,
That lifts the soul above,
Dispels the painful, anxious doubt,
And whispers, "God is love."

4

That voice, aloud from wisdom's height,
Proclaims the soul forgiven;
That star is revelation's light;
That hope, the hope of heaven.

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL.







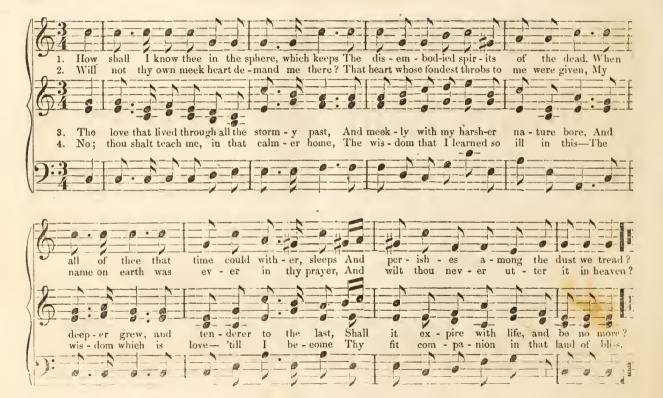


2.

We've joined to raise for ardent gaze,
The veil that hides thy glory,
And joyous pore o'er ancient lore,
And famed heroic story;
We've sought to trace, through endless space,
The path of world's bright gleaming;
And hand in hand thy pages scanned,
While heavenly truth is beaming.

3.

And now we'll bear thy mandates fair,
To all who cluster round us;
And even raise glad notes of praise
For blessings that surround us:
Oh! haste the day when thy blest sway
To this wide earth is given,
And light shall shine around thy shrine,
Like beams from smiling heaven.





- 1. Far from the world, O Lord I flee From strife and tumult far; From seenes, where sin is waging still Its most successful war.
- 2. The calm retreat, the silent shade, With prayer and praise agree; And seem, by thy sweet bounty, made For those who follow thee.



There, like the nightingale, she pours
Her solitary lays;
Nor asks a witness of her song,

Nor thirsts for human praise.

Author and Guardian of my life, Sweet Source of light divine, And all harmonious names in one, My Father—thou art mine!

SECOND HYMN.

How sweet, how heavenly, is the sight,
When those that love the Lord
In one another's peace delight,
And thus fulfil his word!—

When each can feel his brother's sigh,
And with him bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart!

9

When, free from envy, scorn, and pride,
Our wishes all above,
Each can his brother's failings hide,
And show a brother's love!

4

Love is the golden chain that binds
The happy souls above;
And he's an heir of heaven that finds
His bosom glow with love.







Our mission is the work of love, To kindred in the earthly home, And will they not our work approve, And often kindly bid us come?

4

Thrice gladly, we the call obey, When yearning hearts the welcome give, Receive our love, our care repay, In our communion joyous live.





There Faith lifts up the tearless eye,
To brighter prospects given;
It views the tempest passing by,
Sees evening shadows quickly fly,
And all serene—in heaven.

There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,
And joys supreme are given.;
There rays divine disperse the gloom
Beyond the dark, the narrow tomb
Appears the dawn of heaven

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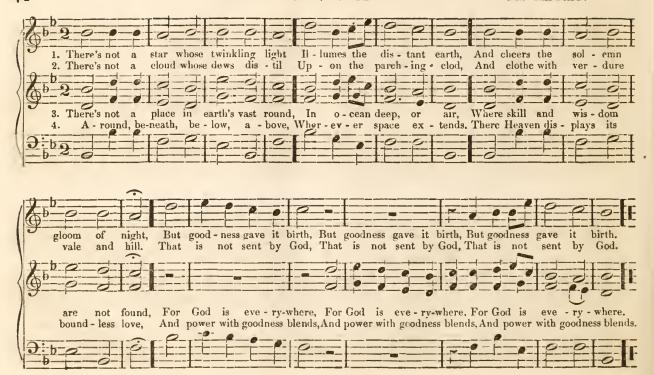
















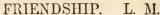




The righteousness that never ends,
But makes an end of sin;
The joy that human thought transcends,
Into our souls bring in.

4

The kingdom of established peace,
Which can no more remove;
The perfect powers of godliness,
The omnipotence of love.







4

Then seek them not 'mid clouds and gloom Or tears that dim the feeble light; But strive, though with a faltering wing, To follow in their path of light.

5

Then faint not in the "march of life,"
Nor hang thy drooping eyelids more;
'Tis hope, 'tis faith, 'tis trust in God,
That will the lost again restore.







1

O come, ye weary ones of earth!
Come listen to our call;
We bend in love, O listen now,
And make our home your all.

2

O come and rest where love dies not, Where fadeless flowers age bloom; We bid you come—oh tarry not 'To dwell 'mid care and gloom. SECOND HYMN.

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Why will ye linger by the way,
Or doubt our guardian care?
We would impress you, come away,
With us our bliss to share.

4

We love you with undying love! We wish you to be blest;
Then hasten, like a weary dove,
To this your endless rest.



SECOND HYMN.

- The glorious universe around,
 The heavens with all their train,
 Sun, moon, and stars, are firmly bound
 In one mysterious chain.
- 2 The earth, the ocean, and the sky To form one world agree; Where all that walk, or swim, or fly, Compose one family.
- God in creation thus displays
 His wisdom and his might,
 While all his works with all his ways
 Harmoniously unite

- 4 In one fraternal bond of love, One fellowship of mind, The saints below and saints above Their bliss and glory find.
- 5 Here, in their house of pilgrimage, Thy statutes are their song; There, through one bright, eternal age, Thy praises they prolong.
- 6 Lord, may our union form a part Of that thrice happy whole; Derive its pulse from thee, the heart, Its life from thee the soul.

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2.

An aim and a purpose be formed in each heart,

Which yet must awake in their might,

To raise the degraded, relieve the oppressed,

And fearlessly stand for the right.

For the right! for the right here unflinching we stand

So pledge me the word, and so reach me the hand

3.

No fear, no self-seeking must enter our band,
No question of evil report;
All nations, all people, of every land,
To us must be brothers in heart.

For the right! for the right all unflinching we stand, Here pledge me the word, and here join we the hand.



2. I'm tired of Fol-ly's tin-sel glare, O' Learning's long debate; No more I breathe Ambitions's prayer, The toil for gold 1 hate.

3. But I would learn to rise at morn, As flowers greet the light; My song like fragrance upward borne To Him who rules the night.

4. To pass in peace without al-loy, The days of life's a ward; Humbly to toil, and find it joy, Be - cause I serve the Lord.



SECOND HYMN:

1

The sacred bond of perfectness Is spotless charity;

O let us, Lord, we pray, possess The mind that was in thee.

2

Grant this, and then from all below, Insensibly remove; Our souls the change shall scarcely know, Made perfect first in love. 3

With ease our souls thro' death shall glide
Into their paradise;
And thence on wings of angels ride
Triumphant through the skies.

4

Yet when the fullest joy is given,
The same delight we prove;
In earth, in paradise, in heaven,
Our all in all is love.

DESIGNED FOR THE OPENING OF CIRCLES.



SECOND HYMN.

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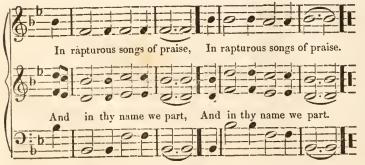
May the grace of Guardian Angels,
And the Father's boundless love
With the Loving Spirits' favor,
Rest upon us from above.

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Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord;
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

FOR THE CLOSE OF CIRCLES.



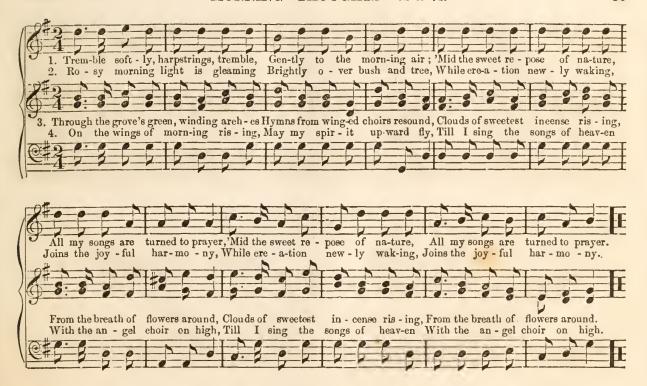


We part in body, not in mind;
Our minds continue one;
And each to each in love are joined,
And hand in hand go on.

Subsists as in us all one soul:

No power can make us twain;
And mountains rise, and oceans roll,

To sever us in vain.





SECOND HYMN.

1

Why should we mourn that changes come,
When 'neath the cold and shrouded snow,
The grass and flowers may shelter find,
And in the darkness bud and grow?

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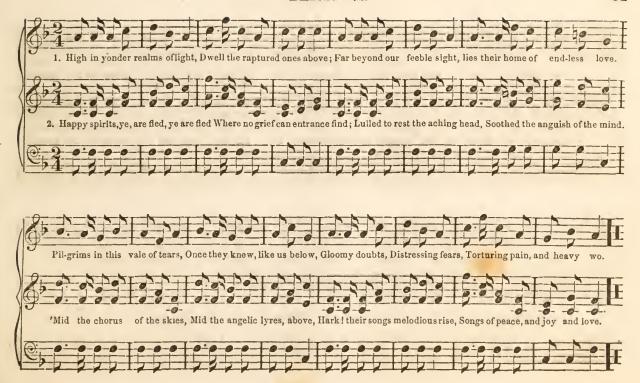
Why should we mourn that clouds are formed,
And o'er our drooping spirits fly?
The law that forms the clouds, expands
The bow and brings unclouded sky

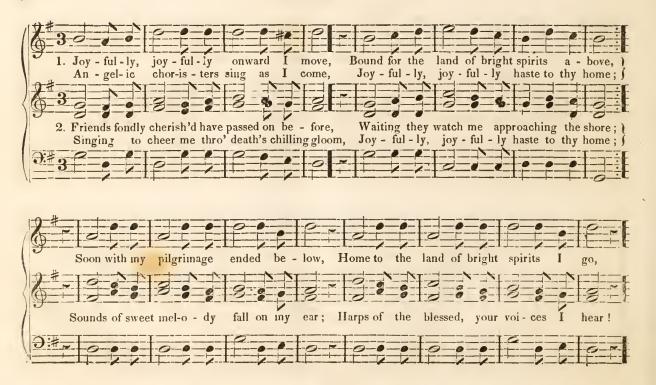
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Our hopes may fall like leaves away,
As swiftly pass each winged hour,
But leaves ne'er fall until the fruit
Is formed within the bursting flower.

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Then change is angel of the soul,
That keeps all things from swift decay,—
Through which the crystal here is formed,
And life anew may spring alway.





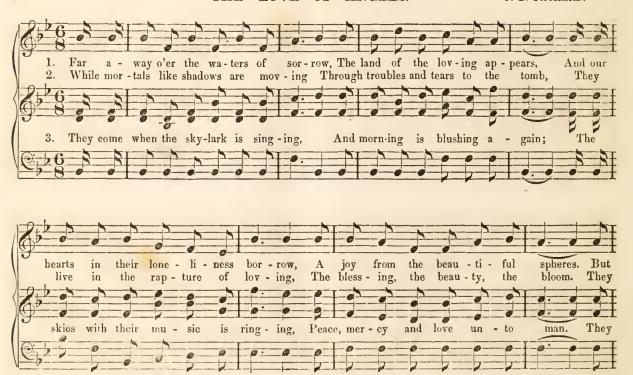


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Death, with thy weapons of war lay me low, Strike, king of terrors, I fear not the blow, Spirits have broken the bars of the tomb; Joyfully, joyfully will I go home! Bright will the morn of eternity dawn, Death shall be banished, his sceptre be gone; Joyfully then shall I witness his doom, Joyfully, joyfully, safely at home.













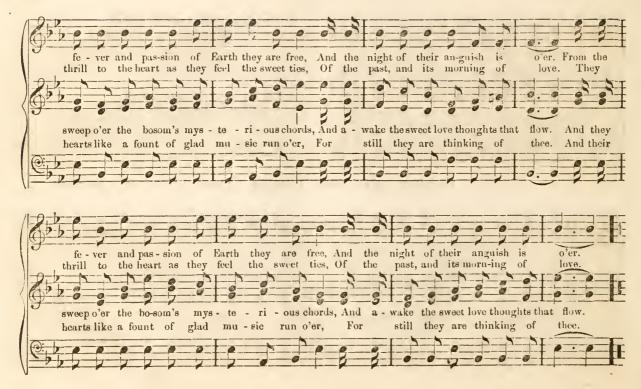


- 5 Lone, lone, lonely I wander here—
 One in a million, like one 'mid the sea;
 No one to wail with me, no one to sail with me
 Over the billows that moan drowsily;
 No one to thrive with me, no one to fail with me,
 Sad though I be.
- 6 Life, life!—Is there no better life
 Under this surface of bustle and roar?
 Hard is the dreary road, heavy the weary load—
 Would I were done with it, would it were o'er.
 Courage, my heart, for the feet that have bravely trod.
 Trod it before.

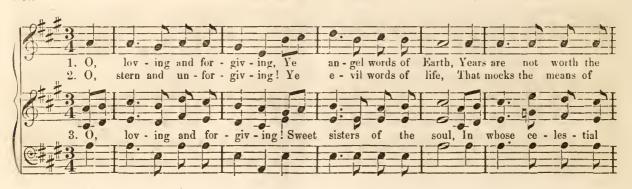
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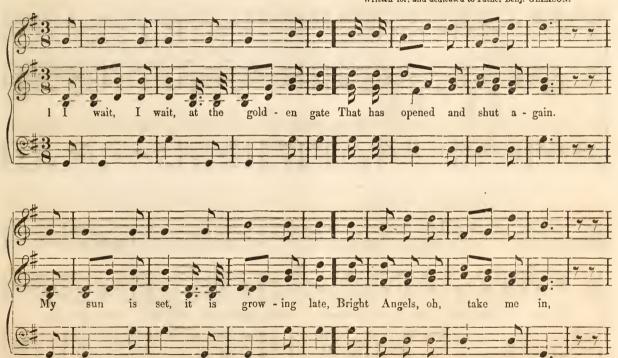


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I gaze, I gaze, on the golden blaze
Of the clouds in a summer even,
Till they seem to me as the sunbright rays,
That shine from the Courts in Heaven,
Till they light my soul with a glorious gleam,
Till I fancy them dreams that the angels dream,
Till they fade, and the stars come forth and seem
To my spirit as answers given.

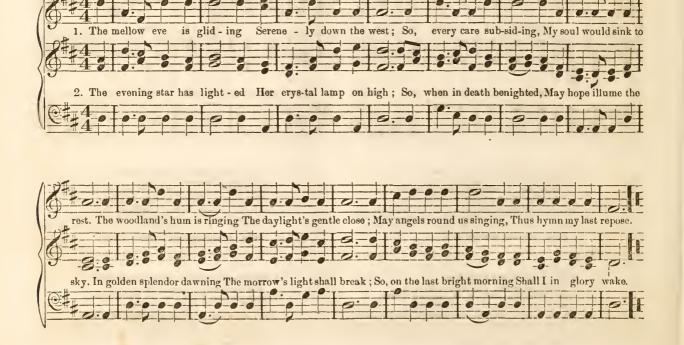
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I see, I see, oft, the Eden Tree
That is drooping with fruit most rare,
And I know it is waiting, ah, waiting for me,
In its riehness and splendor to share,
And my spirit, half fainting looks up, and is strong,
For I hear the rich sound of the Scraphim's song
That murmurs in sweetness, Not long, oh, not long,
Shalt thou linger in mournfulness there."

I hear, I hear, from the angel sphere
A melody sweet and divine,
Till I know that the ones I love are near,
That their spirits are singing to mine;
Till I long on the billows to float far away
Beyond the dark clouds and the sun's setting ray,
To the land of the morning, Heaven's own glorious day,
To thy home, dear lov'd one—to thine.

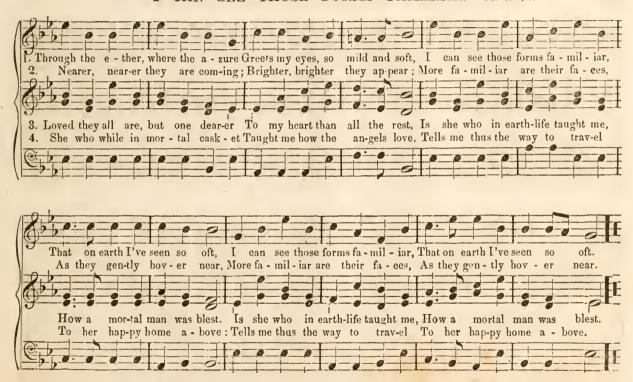
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Then I'll wait, I'll wait, at the golden gate,
Till it opens and shuts again,
Though my sun is set, sho' 'tls growing late,
I will wait, till they take me in,
For I know the bright hour is coming to me,
When my spirit will spring from its bondage free,
Through the golden gate I will pass to thee,
Loved one, and be taken in.













* A young man, who had left his home in Maine, ruddy and vigorous, was seized with the yellow fever in New Orleans; and though nursed with devoted care by freently strangers, he died.—While the cofflin was being closed, "Stop," said an aged woman who was present: "let me kiss him for his Montar?"







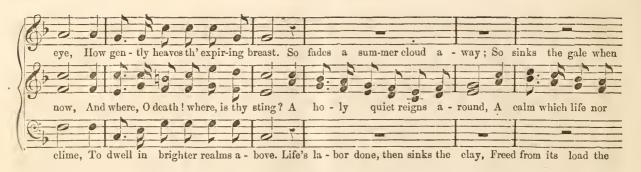


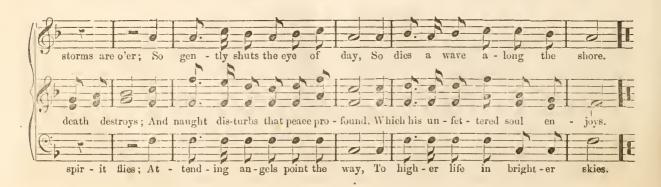




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